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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT BY NAVAL ON- CALL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN
TO SPAIN

REF: USNATO 1955

1. NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAARVIK, WHO HAS JUST
RETURNED FROM LONDON, WILL CONSULT WITH KEY MEMBERS
OF THE STORTING TOMORROW MORNING (APRIL 27) ON THE BARCELONA
PORT CALL PROPOSAL. WE HAVE GIVEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THE
FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S APRIL 18 STATEMENT IN
THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (REFTEL) , AND THIS MORNING I
SENT WORD TO VAARVIK VIA HIS POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL,
KJELD VIBE, THAT WE CONTINUE TO VIEW THE PROPOSAL AS ONE OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE.

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2. VIBE (WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN AMBASSADOR SCHMIDT MET WITH
VAARVIK IN OTTAWA) WENT OVER THE WELL- KNOWN NORWEGIAN OBJECTIONS
ONCE MORE, BEGINNING WITH THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF AGREEING TO
SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. WITHOUT TRYING TO SECOND- GUESS
THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ON WHAT THE LOCAL REACTION TO THE
PORT CALL MIGHT BE, MY MESSAGE TO VAARVIK WAS THAT I HOPED HE
WOULD PRESENT THE PROPOSAL TO POTENTIAL OPPONENTS IN THE STORTING
IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE (E. G. THAT MEMBERSHIP IN NATO IS
NOT AT ISSUE) AND WOULD PERSUADE THEM THAT NORWEGIAN ASSENT
SHOULD NOT BE MADE INTO A POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE FORTHCOMING
ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.
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